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Amendment dated August 22, 2003
Reply to Office Action Dated August 13, 2003

REMARKS

In a telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on July 29, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the application would be allowable if certain amendments were made to claims 13, 23 and 27. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the preamble of claim 13 should be amended to recite that the nanomaterial particles were transition metal, metal alloy, metal oxide or ceramic in nature. The Examiner also indicated that the word "form" in claim 3 should be changed to "from". The Examiner also indicated that claim 23 should be dependent on claim 22 and that the term "oxides" in claim 27 should be changed to "oxide". Support for identifying the nanomaterial particles as being comprised of transition metals and metal alloys, metal oxides and ceramic is found on page 1 of the specification, as well as the Abstract.

In light of the present amendments, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and comments.

If any fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this Response, Applicants authorize deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

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